

ReadMe for GedStar Pro V3.3

This is release **3.3** of **GedStar PRO**, a program for direct conversion of PC-based genealogy data into a format displayable on a PalmOS handheld device. It is intended to be able to show almost all of the data that is in the user's database. This version supports *The Master Genealogist* and *Legacy Family Tree* for direct import of genealogy data. This product also supports conversion from **GEDCOM 5.5** files, making **GedStar Pro** usable by all genealogists with PC-based software.

This is the final release of GedStar Pro, which has ended its useful lifetime as of December, 2009. There will be no further development of this or any similar product, but customer service will continue to be available on the ghcssoftware.com website.

If you are not already a **GedStar Pro** user, you will require a registration password in order to keep the application on your Palm device working beyond the 28-day trial period. After the demo period, you can purchase your registration from the same site from which you downloaded the product. This site is shown in the **About** dialog on the handheld program. Tap the menu icon in the toolbar in any of the main views, then tap **Options** and **About GedStar Pro**.

For product support for **GedStar Pro**, visit our web site at <http://www.gedstarpro.com> or send a message to support@gedstar.com.

Installation

- If you are already a **GedStar Pro** user, you should *remove* any existing **GedStar Pro** software from your PC using the *Add/Remove Programs* applet in the control panel. It is not necessary to delete the application from your handheld. Your existing product registration will remain intact – you will not need to re-register.
- After downloading the installation software, double-click it to start the installation procedure.
- *If you are running under Microsoft Vista*, you should instead right-click on the installation software file and select **Run as Administrator** from the pop-up menu. Alternatively, you can install the software from an Administrator account.
- After the PC installation completes, Hotsync your device to install the new application on your handheld.
- Read the **Quick Start** guide or run **GedStar Pro** on your PC from the **Start > Programs > GedStar Pro** menu.

Upgrading from Previous Version

If you are a current user of GedStar Pro (any version, including V3.1), *it will be necessary for you to re-convert and re-sync any existing genealogy databases that you have loaded onto your handheld device*. GedStar Pro V3.3 has a new internal database format that is not compatible with previous versions. If databases from previous versions are found on the handheld, they will automatically be deleted.

If you have already been using V3.0, your existing databases will work correctly with the new version; no re-conversion is required.

Registration

- If you did not do it before downloading, new users of **GedStar Pro** must purchase a registration from the site where you originally downloaded the product within 28 days. After that time, no new database can be converted.

Fixes

- Several fixes in GEDCOM conversions to accommodate GEDCOM usage in some recent programs, including *Family Tree Maker 2008* (and later) and *Roots Magic*, among others.

Note on PalmOS Libraries

This release of GedStar Pro utilizes libraries for photo decompression that were developed by third parties, but which must be installed on the handheld along with the GedStar Pro application if any photos are to be displayed. These libraries are in the program files **JpegLib.prc** and **pnoJpegLib.prc**. These files are installed by default during the program installation procedure and can also be found in the installation directory on your PC (default: **C:\Program Files\GedStar Pro**).

If you are an experienced PalmOS handheld user, you can delete the unneeded library from your handheld as follows:

- For PalmOS V5.0 and later devices, you can remove **JpegLib**.
- For PalmOS versions lower than V5.0, you can remove **pnoJpegLib**.

However, in all cases it will not harm anything to have both libraries installed (or neither if you do not have any pictures).